Chicago Conference

October 20, 1915.

Mrs. G. I. Wilson,
114 - 21st Street,
Warwood, Wheeling, W. Va.

My dear Mrs. Wilson:

I very much trust that you will have the same interest in receiving this letter that I have in sending it to you, because to me it marks a great forward step in the work Presbyterian women are doing for missions.

In mission work, as in all other lines, efficiency must be the watchword. The tendency toward joint synodical, presbyterial, and local organizations has brought to the attention of the Woman's Boards of Foreign and Home Missions the need for such oneness of method as shall simplify the work all along the line. Many avenues of service are open to women: they are pressing themselves especially upon the attention of the young women of the Church. To command their interest missionary work must be carried on as effectively and efficiently as are all the other agencies with which they are in touch.

The insistent demands of the mission cause have indicated the need of a clear-cut, definite administrative policy. The recognition of this fact by the Woman's Boards of the Church has led to the planning of a Joint Conference to be held at the Chicago Beach Hotel, 51st Boulevard and Lake Shore, Chicago, Illinois, November 12-18, 1915. This Conference is to be for officers and members of the six Woman's Boards of Foreign Missions and of the Woman's Board of Home Missions on a pro rata

basis agreed upon among the Boards. These will gather on November 11th. In addition, it is desired that there shall be delegates from the various synodical organizations on the following basis:

1. Synodical societies whose combined gifts to the Woman's Boards of Home and Foreign Missions are less than $200. will have no delegates.

2. Synodicals whose combined gifts to the Woman's Boards of Home and Foreign Missions are between $200. and $1,000. will be allowed one delegate whose expenses will be borne jointly by the Woman's Board of Home Missions and the Foreign Board of her territory.

3. All synodicals whose combined gifts are more than $1,000. per year will be allowed two delegates. The expenses of one delegate to be paid by the Woman's Board of Home Missions and the expenses of the other delegate to be borne by the Foreign Board of her locality, these bodies naming the delegates to be invited.

Synddical delegates are asked to be present at the session of the Conference that will assemble on Friday, November 12th, at two P. M. and to plan to remain until the eighteenth or longer if necessary. The Woman's Board has great pleasure in asking you to come as its guest and as the delegate from your synodical society.

Will you kindly reply at once whether it will be possible for you to attend, as it will be necessary in case you cannot come for us to ask anotheriin your place?

We are enclosing an application blank for a room in the hotel, which you will fill out and mail at once to the Chicago Beach Hotel, Fifty-first Boulevard. In case you are unable to attend, kindly return the application blank to us in your letter.

The Board does not feel justified in incurring larger expense than is indicated in the application blank. If you desire by paying the difference to secure a room alone or with bath, such are available at the hotel.

This Conference should be the starting-point for a larger and broader vision of the mission work of the Presbyterian Church and of the relation of the women of the Church to this work. This will be a success only as each one comes to it in apprayerful spirit of cooperation and of willingness to set aside, if need be, detailed methods of work in order that greater good may be accomplished by the union of all the forces in one definite line of service. Let us all unite in definite and constant prayer for the success of this Conference and let us come in a spirit of willingness and goodfellowship that will mean that the days together will be helpful to the Cause we represent.

With every cordial hope that you may be able to be with us, believe me that I am

Faithfully yours,

Copy

Room 808 Witherspoon Building,
Philadelphia, Oct. 28, '15.

My dear Miss Davidson:-

I am complying with your request to place in your hands a brief statement of what seem to me to be ways in which the work of this Department is related to the work of the Women's Mission Boards, and practical ways of co-operation of these agencies in the work for Presbyterian Young People.

As you know, for seventy-seven years this Board has been publishing Sabbath School literature for the education, uplift and conversion of the Young People of the entire Church. This was done in the interest of the whole church and not in the interests of any specific work that this Board was carrying on. In the same spirit the Department of Young People's Work has been working for eight years in the interests of the Young People.

(1)
More definitely, we are aiming in our Department to extend the organizations for young people until all our Churches will be sufficiently organized to give the young people practical training in Christian service. (2) We aim also to broaden the education of the young people that they may have a proper foundation for lasting and far reaching Christian work. (3We further endeavor to inspire the young people to definite and practical Christian service, beginning in the local society and extending to the ends of the earth.

This task cannot be accomplished apart from Missionary education, training and service, as this is an essential in the life of any real Christian. But missionary education, training and service must relate themselves to the whole life of the young people, and for that reason we cannot well disconnect the development of the young people along missionary lines from their development along other lines of Christian nurture and service.

Of necessity the Woman's Boards are very particularly interested in the development of the Young People along Missionary lines. Likewise this Department is anxious to develop the young people along missionary lines as well as along all other lines of Christian nurture. But realizing the peculiar advantages of the Women's Boards in advancing Missionary interests, this Department is anxious that the Missionary interest that we may promote may be related, indeed may be part and parcel of the program of the Women's Boards. To this end I feel confident that we could very nicely cooperate very closely in our work.

A practical field for such co-operation suggests itself in the Conferences that are held under the direction of this Department during each year. Several are held during the Summer months and some during the other months of the year in large City centers.

In these Conferences we strive to give all-round education and training to Young People and Leaders of Young People, in all definite organizations. The program includes Mission Study, Study of Missionary methods in local Societies and Missionary addresses. In these phases of the program the Women's Boards are particularly interested and I feel that we can co-operate along the following lines:-

I. In the forming of a program.
The advice of the Women's Boards would be carefully considered in forming the Summer Conference program, especially as regards subjects and textbooks in Mission Study.

II. In the choice of the leaders and speakers.
Leaders for two or three Mission study or Missionary methods classes. Leaders would be acceptable from the Women's Board of the territory in which the Conference was to be held.

III. In advertising the Conference.
This could be done by keeping all Board, Synodical, Presbyterial and local Missionary Society officers posted relative to the Conference. Also by urging attendance upon such Conferences. Young People's Work would gladly furnish both information and printed Literature as desired.

IV. In uniting Presbyterial forces on a united Program for all Young People.

The whole matter of relationship between this department and other agencies is up for consideration at this time, because of the dissolution of the Presbyterian Department of Missionary Education. I wish I could be more specific as to the details, especially regarding Conference faculties, but until we have gone over the whole matter very carefully, we are not in a position to be more definite.

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William Ralph Hall.

NOV 29 1915

"Salvation through Jesus Christ not only a treasure, but as well a trust."

THE WOMAN'S PRESBYTERIAN BOARD OF MISSIONS
OF THE NORTHWEST

Presbyterian Offices, Room 48, 509 S. Wabash Ave.

CHICAGO

462 Lake Street,
Oak Park, Illinois,
November 27th, 1915.

Mrs. M.J. Gildersleeve,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Mrs. Gildersleeve:-

In looking over the minutes of the conference yesterday, I note three items regarding our education work which need correction. Will you kindly see that these corrections are made on Mrs. Bennett's copy which was sent to her on Wednesday? The second copy will have these corrections made upon it.

In regard to the third item may I explain please? It has been my custom in regard to the reports gathered by the Presbyterial Secretary, that she send them to the Board Secretary, who sends them to the Synodical Secretary. The minutes state that the Presbyterial Secretary shall send such to the Synodical who will report to the Board. I do not know how I could have overlooked this but I did not so understand it in your copy when we went over it together. Would you object to making this change? I really think the plan I have used is the better as otherwise there would be a reversal in the order which might tend to confusion. In other words all reports whether from the leader direct or through the Presbyterial secretary go to the Board secretary who sendsdown a copy to the Synodical and the latter sends to the Presbyterial. It is quite easy for the Presbyterial to eliminate duplicates.

What a wonderful conference it was! And how much we were all helped and strengthened by it, and how close we came together! Our foreign women understood as never before the problems you have had in working with "six Boards" It was surely a privilege to be with all of the Home Board women and to know them better.

I presume that you are hard at work in your office . I hope that you were not too very tired after the strenuous week. I really feared for Mrs. Bennett and Mrs. Berry, for they were under a very great strain.

You will not forget to send me your suggestions for the leaflet "Instructions to Secretaries" as soon as you can and then I will refer it to you again before it goes to the printer.

Yours very cordially,

Belle M. King

(Mrs. Belle C.)

WOMAN'S
PRESBYTERIAN BOARD OF MISSIONS
OF THE NORTHWEST

Dec. 7. 1915

My dear Mrs. Bennett:

We are sending you the enclosed copy of Mrs. Hall's letter by request of Miss Davidson.

Very sincerely yours

(Mrs) Dee F. Clarke

December 10, 1915.

My dear Mrs. Powell:

I have just been going over the Minutes of the Chicago Conference in preparation for presenting them to my Board next Tuesday, and I want to tell you how much I do appreciate the great amount of hard work that you did on them and the success that you achieved.

No one appreciates more than do I what difficult Minutes they were to take, and both you and we are to be very greatly congratulated on the fine work that you have done. I want you to know how much we appreciated it.

Very cordially yours,

B/D

December 10, 1915.

Mrs. A. L. Berry,
Room 48,509 So. Wabash Ave.,
Chicago, Ills.

My dear Mrs. Berry:

I assure you it has not been because I have not thought of you during the days since we separated in Chicago, that you have not heard from me. I fancy I need not tell you that I have been pretty busy in many ways. Not the least of them has been the working over of the Minutes of the Chicago Conference so as to put them in some shape for presentation to the Board next Tuesday. I felt that to use them as they were would lead to great confusion, so I have written a synopsis of the discussion on each decision and then have given the final recommendation to the Boards. This, however, has taken thirty-six pages of typewritten material. I understand that the Foreign Board considered them on Wednesday of this week and I am anxious to hear what they did with them. Mrs. Wood told me that they were to be presented just as they had come, and I should think it would have taken a week to work them out in a meeting.

As I understand it, all actions from the Woman's Boards would go to you and, when you have received those, you and I are to get together and work over the chosen reports in order that we may know just where the Boards stand and what the final actions are to be.

I do not recall that there was any recommendation as to disagreement by any Board. I suppose matters where there is no unanimous consent will have to rest over until the formation of a general committee. I see some hard work before us in getting these worked into shape.

And now the question is as to when we are going to do that. I have just sent upstairs and learned that the day on which the woman's work is presented at the Garden City Conference is January eleventh. I am due in Atlanta on January fifth, and it had been my plan to stay in the south for two to four weeks - first for a conference with Mr. Bennett - and later to visit some of our mission stations.

Now, I not only want to be here to go over [illegible] that are referred to us, but also to see Mrs. Williamson and [illegible] ers on interdenominational matters. This means that I am [illegible] turbed just now as to how the whole thing is to be worked [illegible] are two possibilities. (1) That I give up Atlanta [illegible] though that is the Annual Meeting of the Council of Women [illegible]

sions and I am on the program and wait for my vacation until about January twentieth. This I am quite willing to do, but know that Mrs. Coleman is not going to be satisfied that I should it. (2) That I go to Chicago about the first of January and work over all these Minutes with you there, and see Mrs. Williamson and Mrs. Vickers and that I then go from there south.

In order that I may begin to plan definitely along some of these lines, I am writing especially to ask whether you think you would be ready by December twenty-ninth; or whether you think some of the Boards will have delayed their reports later. If you should have these, would that be a convenient time for you? Or would you prefer to have everything postponed until you came to New York?

I am really very uncertain because there are so many people who must be consulted before my plans can be absolutely finished. Don't you often wish you were two people? But don't you suppose if you were, you would have twice as much to do and therefore be really no better off?

I have scarcely spoken to my family since the first of last October and have not been able to do anything they wanted. They have really been wonderfully patient, but they are getting cross and unless I reform soon there is going to be serious trouble. But didn't we have a good time in Chicago, and wasn't it all tremendously worth while? The possible outcome of that Conference grows upon me and I sometimes wonder (although I should not dare breathe this out loud) whether this was not the beginning of a larger cooperation in all branches of church work: whether the women were not setting a standard. I have seen some of the influential men of the church and have been so interested in their appreciation of all that this coming together has meant, and will mean, for the future. And then, we <u>did</u> have such good times in the midst of our work.

I hope you begin to know how much I appreciated working with you personally, and what a pleasure it has been to know you so much better. I am going to stand for all kinds of cooperation that will mean that we shall continue to do things together.

To go back to business just a moment: Mrs. King sent to Mrs. Gildersleeve some changes that she wished made in the Minutes, but it is not my understanding that we are at liberty to change those at all, but that we shall have to present them exactly as they are and offer her suggestions as substitutes. The Minutes are really wonderful.

I am enclosing a little note to Mrs. Powell, whose address I do not know and shall be very glad if you would give it to her.

With every good wish for the approaching holiday season, believe me that I am always

Faithfully yours,

B/D

THE WOMAN'S PRESBYTERIAN BOARD OF MISSIONS
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CHICAGO

December 16th,1915.

Mrs.F.S.Bennett,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City,

My dear Mrs.Bennett;-

I had hoped to send you a letter before you could possibly write to me,butthere have been so many loose ends to take up after the orgy of Synodical Meetings and THE CONFERENCE, that I have postponed everything that was not literally crying out to be done. And now I have your good letter,which brings back afresh the joy I had in working so closely with you. It was hard work,but your delightful cooperation and quick intuition,made it all a most delightful experience,and I am so glad that there is the prospect of continuing our "team work",as Mr.Millikin,or Mrs.King, would call it.

One thing that has occupied me was the possibilty of going with the deputation to encircle South America. It was a most alluring invitation,but the rest of the family did not see it in that light,so it is all given up now.

I am ashamed to say that we have not finished with the Minutes of the Conference. I gave Mrs.King a copy and asked her as associate Central Com.member to prepare them and present to the Executive. Imagine my chagrin when she came expecting to simply read them through. I took out certain topics like Westminster Guild that could be considered without special preparation,and the time was spent on them. Since then I have spent hours getting it all into shape,and now have it so arranged that we can put it through to-morrow. I have told the women that we will stay until we finish. Philadelphia has sent answers to a part of the recommendations,and expected to take the others on Tuesday of this week. New York has not been heard from. Southwest accepts everything except the recommendation in regard to Student Secs.not being permitted to do evangelistic work. Occidental accepts everything,but suggests "General Council" instead of "General Committee". I forgot to say that South west wishes a change in one paragraph of one Standard of Excellence. I am wondering how these Boards were clever enough to put through so much in so short a time,and if the Presidents put in as much time as we have in rearranging and copying.

I am afraid that we will not be ready by December 29th. That is ,all the Foreign Boards will not have sent their replies by that time. If New York tried to present the Minutes as they stood, that will account for not receiving any report to date from their meeting of a week ago. I am apprehensive of some negatives from that Board,therefore it is important to hear fully from them before we have our conference. I will see Mrs.Williamson to-morrow and find out her plans about going East. Mrs.Vickers is expected home from California the first of next week,but Mrs.Williamson will know her plans. As I have only local engagements I can accomodate my time

movements to suit your convenience. If we wait until your return from the South, according to your schedule, it would make it the first of February before we could get the final round up of the recommendations. I hope that it will not be necessary to postpone it so long, and yet your engagements, family and otherwise, are important.
I will keep you advised as I hear from the Boards.

Certainly I agree with you that there can be no change in the Minutes except by the consent of the whole body represented. Mrs. King has said nothing to me about any changes.

Did you see the notice, editorially, in the Continent of last week of our Conference? Your whispered belief as to the influence on other branches of our Church work finds an echo in my thought. Some of the letters I have received from Synodical officers have touched me deeply. By the way, have you heard from Mrs. Carrier? She is not pleased at one recommendation. I will give you two guesses as to which one.

With the hope of soon seeing you again, believe me,

Affectionately and faithfully yours,

(Mrs. A. L.) Mildred Berry

Central Committee of the
Woman's Boards of Foreign Missions
of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.

December 18th, 1915.

My dear Mrs.Bennett:-

The following is from a letter just received from Mrs.Waters of the New York Board; "The New York Board has shown a great deal of interest in the results of the Conference and we have given up Executive and Managers' Meetings to the consideration of the recommendations and have also had one all day meeting and an afternoon at our Treasurer's home,but some items have yet to be carefully considered and our report will not be ready,I am quite sure,until the middle of January."

This would seem to settle the question of our meeting before that time. I suppose the twentieth of January would be too early for you to return from the South. As far as I can judge that will be about the date when we will have all returns. Our Board is ready to report at any time. I have no further word from Philadelphia.

Miss Petrie wrote me on some further points concerning the blanks,and as it did not seem possible to me for us to get out the joint Young Peoples' blank this year,I advised going ahead with your own, and we would do the same. The printing of these,and the preparation for the printer would take some time,and it would make it too late if we wait until all the Boards had agreed. And as I understand the situation,most of these "reforms" cannot go into operation until next year.

Mrs.King cannot see that she has done anything amiss in asking the changes in the Minutes. She and Mrs.Gildersleeve think they are alright,and who is there to object? I find that she had sent the changes to all of the Boards except our own. I was the only one who knew nothing of the matter. Mrs.King thinks the changes are so slight,that nothing is affected by them,but they are so important that she is very anxious to have them incorporated.

This is a Saturday night letter,so rather hurried.

With sincere affection,yours,

Mildred Berry

Dec. 31, 1915.

DearMrs. Berry:-

I am finishing the old year in a most virtuous way clearing up my desk? That is really only a figure of speech as my desk has not been clear for years: but when those letters that should have immediate attention are answered I feel most as tho' everythin had been done and I dared face the little New Year with courage.

I leave for the South next Monday afternoon and that fact helps to keep me up to the mark. If I did not have the pressure of going away to face I hardly know when I should end things. But that always seems so final a thing- to leave one's desk for days that it pushes me to much accomplishment.

I have not answered your letters as I have been trying to decide definitely on my plans: so far as I can foresee it is now decided that I will be back in New York on January IIth. On the 5th, 6th and 7th I can be reached at the Georgian Terrace Hotel, Atlata, Ga., if needed. After that I am not yet certain of address until I return to New York. This very decided change in my plans is mainly due to the fact that we have not finished the Minutes of the Chicago Conference and expect to do so on the IIth. After all the preliminary work I had thought that we could move more rapidly but so many questions are asked that a day does not see much done. We had hoped to finish last Tuesday but there were two interruptions:- our Superintendent of Schools who has been away three months visiting in the mission field came back with a big docket and that had to have precedence of everything. It occupied some hours. Then the matters yet before us were Young People, Westminster Guild and Student Work and the Chairmen of these Committees were home sick with the grip, so that I did not loke to consider their interests. We must finish on the IIth.

This will make it possible for me to meet you when you are in New York and if you can stay we can finish all the work connected with the Minutes- and unless I am mistaken it will be some job!

When your plans are made will you let me know them? I know that you will have to finish the Garden City Conference work before beginning on this other, but when that is done I wonder if you would not come out to Englewood and stay with me? We could work here quietly as many days as we need and it would be easier than New York- to say nothing of the pleasure I should have in having you in my home for that time. I am keeping all the ten days afte my return as free as possible that there may be as few interruption as possible to all the work. I shall have to go in sometime to see Mrs. Vickers and Mrs. Williamson but that is about all.

New York is taking the keenest interest in the results of the Conference and I think it waked them up in a wonderful way. They are sitting up nights with those Minutes! So far as I have learne they have made few changes in the Minutes.

(I suppose I need not say that I am doing my own typewriting now.)

Our Board has rejected nothing except the consolidation of the magazine tho' it has suggested modifications. This has led to a query as to what becomes of those actions that are refused by any Board. I have worked it out about this way:- if acti ons receive affirmative votes from all seven Boards they become of effect and that result is communicated to the seven Boards. If any action is modified in such a way as to keep the inherent fact the same and the change is only as to detail the Committee will communicate that fact to the Boards and unless there be objection it will be considered to have passed as amended. If, however, any Board acts adversely upon an action of the Conference that action is lost and can be reopened only by the General Committtee when that comes into existence. What has been your thought in this matter?

Mrs. Harris of the Philadelphia Board was over for Student Committee on Wednesday and she was most decided that each Committee should receive actions relating to its work. Ordinarily these would reach a committee through its Board but in case of Joint Committee is there a different proceedure?

Naturally " Right of Access" wouldn't suit Sister Carrier- I8m pleased she saw the point.

Would it be well to remind the Boards that we want to work on the Minutes in January?

I hope 1916 is going to be the best ever and mean great joy in service and wonderful accomplishment. I am sorry it starts off with the disappointment of giving up South America, but I do not wonder Mr. Berry rebelled. I had to give up Panama , Cuba and P Porto Rico.

With pleasantest anticipations of seeing you soon,

Lovingly yours,

"Salvation through Jesus Christ not only a treasure, but as well a trust."

THE WOMAN'S PRESBYTERIAN BOARD OF MISSIONS
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CHICAGO

January 3rd, 1916

Mrs. Fred S. Bennett,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Mrs. Bennett:-

Mrs. Berry suggested before the Christmas holidays that I write you an explanation of the corrections which I sent you through Mrs. Gildersleeve, in the minutes of the Conference under educational items, and to which she tells me you raised an objection. I have not been able to do so until now. They were of such minor importance that it did not occur to me that there could be any objection, particularly if they reached the Boards before they acted upon them.

The first and second items were merely to make the text a little more clear and accurate. Mrs. Powell herself would have made the corrections had her attention been called to them before they were mailed. I presume this would be proper for the secretary to do in the interests of accuracy. I am not at all particular about these two.

The third item was the only one which would cause a change in policy. The point was the method of sending any reports of classes secured by the Presbyterial Mission Study Secretary. My plan which has worked so satisfactorily and which Mrs. Gildersleeve wished to adopt was that such reports should be sent to the Board secretary as are all other cards, who would send to the Synodical Mission Study secretary. The slight error somehow crept in that these should be sent by the Presbyterial to the Synodical and by her to the Boards. If this little change might be made before I print the "Instructions to Mission Study Secretaries", I would be very glad. The foreign Boards are all quite agreed, and so I think is Mrs. Gildersleeve. It is such a small thing, yet if allowed to go would cause confusion among the secretaries in my territory. Theoretically you are quite right of course, that no one person should be allowed to change any part of the minutes.

Yours very cordially,

Belle M. King

(Mrs. Belle C.)

Central Committee of the
Woman's Boards of Foreign Missions
of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.

637 Cass Street,
January 5th, 1916.

My dear Mrs.Bennett,-

I have received your beautiful and virtuous letter. Beautiful,because so well typed,reminding me much of my own efforts which I greatly admire,and virtuous because of a nearly cleared desk. At present the latter seems to me the unattainable.

I am very glad that it is possible to set a time for our conference. New York wrote that they would be ready by the middle of the month,and I will write to Mrs.Waters to-day asking her to see that the actions of her Board are in our hands by the 13th. Not a word from North Pacific. Can it be that they are going out of business entirely? I have written to Mrs.Goss telling her that we must have their action on the recommendations before the 15th. I will write again and try to hurry them up. Two months seems a reasonable time for any Board,particularly when it is a Board that we know will not look into all of the details of the questions. Philadelphia has only a few corners to round up, and I am sure that Miss Hodge can give me the final answers at Garden City. They have been delayed,as you have,by the leaders in certain departments having grippe.

It will be lovely to do this work in the quiet of your home,and I will be glad to come for the 14th and 15th. I hope very much that the two days will be sufficient as I have important engagements here the next week,but will remain in New York as long as it may be necessary to finish. As to being in your home,it would give me pleasure to prolong the conference indefinitely,but I have a bit of conscience left, and know something of how husbands feel. I am planning to go to Atlantic City for Sunday the 16th to meet a lady who wishes her own missionary,and with whom I am in correspondence.

I am aware that the Interdenominational Conference of Woman's Foreign Boards will be in session the 14th and 15th,but I think that will be a good thing for me to miss, as Mrs.Williamson will represent us and Mrs.Vickers will be there to give her courage.

With the delightful anticipation of soon seeing you,I am,

With love,yours,

Mildred Berry

WOMAN'S NORTH PACIFIC
PRESBYTERIAN BOARD OF MISSIONS
454 ALDER STREET
PORTLAND, OREGON

324 East 21. North.

PORTLAND, OREGON, Jan 9 1916

Dear Mrs. Bennett.

I have just wired
ym that we have accepted all re-
commendations of Jaink Conference,
for feared ym mild not receive
our answer which was mailed
to Chicago on Jan 7th. prah a day
before the receipt of Mrs. Berry's
letter.

A series of delays made us
late in replying —

Mrs. Thexter and Mrs. Fuller
made short visits in the east —
then Mrs. Thaxter succumbed to
grippe - and Mrs. Milligan
was also laid low with the same

malady, and we could not ach-
it and delegates could be with us
and throw light on these min-
utes -

I wish to assure you that we
accept these recommendations
in the most cordial spirit, with
an earnest wish that the great
cause of missions is there a
great uplift -

With much love for yourself
and Mrs. Berry -

Most Cordially

Flora Helen Gass.

Mrs. John N.)

Woman's Board of Home Missions
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156 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y.

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Chicago Conf. actions

January 12, 1916.

It is a peculiar pleasure after the days of fellowship in Chicago to write you now regarding matters which you may desire to take up in your mid-winter executive meeting; or, if you are having no such meeting, in your correspondence looking toward plans for the future.

It had been our earnest hope that we might at this time place before you a full statement of the results of the conference at Chicago. But all of the Boards have not yet been able to complete their study of the Minutes of the conference with the recommendations involved. Therefore we are able to write definitely regarding only two of the matters considered there.

Report Blanks The decision of the Chicago conference regarding report blanks - the form of which had been agreed on by all of the Foreign Boards, and so did not need to be referred again to them - was promptly confirmed by our Board. The blanks are in the printer's hands, almost ready to be sent out. I will write you regarding them in detail in a separate letter.

The Standards of Excellence approved at Chicago for local, presbyterial and synodical societies, cannot be included as a basis for the reports of this fiscal year, because they have not been sent out to the societies which therefore could not be working to attain them as they can another year.

Basis of Membership The Chicago conference approved the basis of membership in the same terms on which our Board had agreed regarding it last summer. As these terms determine the basis on which the membership is to be reported, it is herewith given in full:

"Two forms of membership shall be recognized in local societies, General and Contributing: -

"The General Membership shall be established on any standard agreeable to the local organization.

"The Contributing Membership shall include all who regularly contribute to the Woman's Board of Home Missions or the Territorial Woman's Board of Foreign Missions through the local organization.

"On the Contributing Membership shall be based statistics, apportionments, or pledges."

Apportionments

No subject more important than that of the apportionments for 1916-1917 can come before your mid-winter executive conference. In accordance with the action of the last annual meeting, Miss Fish sent out last summer the books containing the apportionments for the next fiscal year. Many officers through the organization expressed the desire for them thus early for the sake of fuller opportunity to study the figures and of better preparation for giving out the presbyterial apportionments at the spring meetings. Having given the subject careful study in the light of the letter sent you by the Treasurer with the apportionment books, and in view of your intimate knowledge of your presbyterial organizations, you are now ready to plan for launching the new apportionments as soon as the present year's gifts are completed. While stimulating scholarship and salary pledges you will not forget the sturdy old General Fund, supposed by some to be lacking in interest, though in reality so vital a part of our treasury.

The growing work should have substantially increasing gifts from our women. You will know where tactfully to push for financial advance.

The Treasurer will appreciate receiving from you - if it has not already been sent her, - a list of the apportionments assigned to each presbyterial society by your synodical executive committee for the approaching fiscal year. Her office will then be equipped to keep tally on the amounts as they are received.

In connection with the sending out of apportionments, request has come from various sources that announcement of the "special" for next year be made now. Mr. Allaben had so recently returned from his long itinerary among the fields and there are so many places pleading for special consideration that it has not been possible as yet to reach any decision. We are hoping, however, to be able to place the "special" before you in time to take it up before the presbyterial societies meet.

You are in correspondence with Miss Fish concerning the contributions for the San Juan Presbyterial Hospital, which has met with such favor as a "special" this year. It has been a little disappointing that the end of December did not bring more remittances on this account. We are sure you will do all in your power to secure from your societies their full share in this fund before the closing of the books in March.

Immigration Blanks

The Immigration blanks authorized for the purpose of reporting to the treasury financial returns from the various localities, as you doubtless know, have been prepared and sent out by Miss Fish. If any field is not supplied, the blanks will be forwarded upon request. (See copy enclosed.)

Young People's Work

The work of interesting the young people in the Home Mission cause, and of training them into the desire and habit of giving to it, can be regarded as second in importance to none. It is a task newly assigned by the General Assembly to the Woman's Board. Let us plan well for it. In each society let it have a new and tactful sympathy. There is much in the work our mission schools are doing that will appeal strongly to the boys and young men. Miss Petrie's "Wireless" and other publications will help interest many of them, as well as the young women and girls. The growth of knowledge and interest and giving must go hand in hand among these young folks of today for the sake of both the mission field and the church of

tomorrow.

Miss Petrie has recently sent you a copy of a letter which she was mailing to the young people's secretaries and she will welcome letters of inquiry concerning practical problems which the office at headquarters perhaps may help solve.

If any question should happen to arise regarding the policy adopted by the General Assembly last spring - a policy first approved by our Woman's Board - by which now both Home and Foreign mission interests in the Sunday Schools are assigned to the General Boards, and the young people's societies to the Woman's Boards, I would call your attention to the enclosed statement on the subject. It was issued last spring and has been widely sent out. If you desire copies for distribution they will be sent in any quantity you wish.

Home Mission Study Classes

Well-planned study of Home Mission subjects is possible more easily now than ever before, because there is such a wide range of subjects, and so many helps in connection with them all. In the adjustments of the official responsibility of the newly incorporated Woman's Board, Mrs. Gildersleeve was made the Secretary for Educational Work, and has been pushing it through correspondence with the mission study leaders in local organizations as well as through the synodical and presbyterial secretaries, in order to keep Home Mission subjects before the minds of all groups, older as well as younger. Our Annual Report last year chronicled a gain of more than fifty per cent in the mission study activities over those of a year before. There is yet time to start Home Mission study classes before this fiscal year ends, if there are places where none have been held thus far. And there is no better time to plan for next year along these lines. What is your Synodical society doing in this direction? Ought it to do more?

Annual Meeting

In the new By-Laws of our Board are a few items of general interest, and accompanying this letter are extracts from them which you will want to note regarding the new adjustment of plans for the Annual Meeting.

Article V, Sections 6, 7, and 8 (see accompanying sheet) state fully the new procedure, made necessary by the incorporation which requires that the Annual Meeting be held in a stated place. The former custom, of holding it at the place of meeting of the General Assembly, could not be continued; it is therefore to be held in New York, as indicated in Article V, Section 6.

Popular Meeting

Article V, Section 7, describes the Popular Meeting in connection with the General Assembly. Section 8, indicates who are eligible as delegates. As you will note, the number is largely increased - each presbyterial society being entitled to one delegate; while each synodical society is entitled to its separate delegates, two in addition to the president.

A later letter will give in detail the plans which are now being made for the Popular Meeting in Atlantic City next May.

Organizations Local Presbyterial Synodical

Article VII, Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, are regarding auxiliary organizations. Inquiries have been made for even such elemental statements as are contained in Section 1 and 2. Section 3, regarding the organization of no new synodical society with less than fifteen women's local auxiliary societies, is not of general practical interest, but you will like to have the information.

Sections 4 and 5 call attention to the continuance of Life Memberships and Honorary Memberships on the same basis as hitherto.

It may or may not be known that to all of the Honorary Members are sent each year the Annual Report of the Board and the Prayer Calendar. Should any fail to receive these it may be due to incorrect address, and we shall be glad to have information as to any failure to receive the publications indicated.

To Life Members making request are sent also the Report and the Prayer Calendar. It is difficult to keep an accurate list of the addresses of the Life Members, so no literature is sent them other than upon request as here indicated.

The foregoing items indicate topics which we feel you will want to take up in your executive meeting. We hope you will have a full attendance and shall pray that it may be marked by a spirit of fine fellowship and devotion. If it is to be a meeting by correspondence rather than face to face, it need have no less of the spirit of fellowship and contribute no less to constructive plans for future work for and with Him.

I do not need to emphasize the need of prayer. Without it human wisdom and human gifts fail of much of their reward.

With the greeting of our officers to you and those who shall plan with you for these weighty matters entrusted by The King and His daughters, and grateful for the privilege of being helpers with you in whatever way we may, I am

Always loyally,

E. G. L.

Enclosures (3)

P.S. For your convenience, under another cover there go to you enough copies of this letter for each of your Presbyterial President to have one if you so desire.

January 17, 1916

Mrs. William F. Waters,
126 Claremont Ave.,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mrs. Waters:

Mrs. Bennett and I have considered the actions of the seven Boards on the recommendations of the Joint Conference. We find that the Woman's New York Board is the only one that has not accepted the recommendations concerning the General Committee practically as they were sent from the Joint Conference. That you may know definitely the actions of the other Boards I give them here:

Articles I,II and III accepted by the six Boards. Article IV accepted, Northwest adds, "in such cases, the vote shall be unanimous." Article V - a,b,c, accepted by all; (d) following change suggested by Philadelphia and Northwest,- "the chairmen of such sub-committees shall during their tenure of office be members of the General Committee without a vote but with the privilege of the floor." (e) accepted by all. Article VI, a + b accepted by all. (c) accepted by all, except Philadelphia suggests following change: "The W.G.Committee shall recommend through the General Committee the yearly program of W. G. activities (study, giving etc.,) It shall be responsible for all national helps, blanks, announcements etc. It shall consider or originate policies and plans of W. G. administration.

Although the action of your Board on the recommendations concerning General Committee are included in the report sent to Mrs. Bennett and me, I understand that your Board of Managers has not yet considered these recommendations and therefore these actions are not final. For this reason I venture to call attention to the seriousness of the changes proposed by your Board.

You will see that the changes noted above refer only to detail, while those proposed by your Board are radical in character. To show my meaning may I call your attention to the following:-

Article I- By insertion of words, "deliberative and advisory" before "body" you nullify the object of the proposed Committee, and the changes in the other Articles confirm the impression that this was the thought of your Board. For example: Article IV omission of the sentence "The General Committee shall also have power to act in emergencies." Article V (b) the substitution of "Central Committee" for "General Committee". Article VIII changing "annual" to "biennial". Article X (a) the insertion of "approved" after "considered", and the omission of "and receive a two-thirds vote of General Committee." (c) the substitution of "receiving approval of all the Boards" for "receiving a two-thirds vote shall become actions."

The two changes last noted would defeat the possibility of securing prompt action and could place the power of decision in the hands of one of the constituent Boards.that might not have special interest in the matter under consideration and therefore would not have the information necessary for judgment. These two points have been tested in our Central Committee and it is to avoid the serious hindrance that we have experienced by their operation that the Committee planned this Committee on different lines.

In conclusion I would say that the General Committee was considered by the Joint Conference so vital a part of the plan for closer co-operation of the seven Boards that it was thought impractical to attempt it if the recommendations for this General Committee were not accepted. Personally I expressed this opinion in one of the opening sessions of the Joint Conference.

In view of this, I shall hope to hear the final action of your Board as soon as possible after the meeting of your Managers and shall defer further work on the reports from the Boards until that time.

I trust that after further consideration your Board of Managers will feel that it can coincide in the plan for the General Committee proposed by the Joint Conference and agreed to by the other Boards. Otherwise there will be no agency to carry out the recommendations of the Joint Conference.

Believe me,

Very cordially yours,

149 Dwight Place,,
Englewood, N. J.,
Jan. 19, 1916.

Mrs. A. L. Berry,
Room 48,
509 South Wabash Ave.,
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Mrs. Berry:-

I am enclosing a copy of your letter to Mrs. Waters and the original, that you may be certain that there was no mistake in the letter that was sent.

While I am dictating the New York Board is meeting. I assure you that it is not easy to know that all has been done that can be and that we must sit quietly now and wait any action that the Board of Managers may deem best to take.

I have not had an opportunity to do much on my Minutes yet, but have made a beginning and by the time yours are ready, I think I shall be prepared to proceed at once in the matter of putting the two sets together. We are having much demand from the Field for reports on Chicago actions and I shall be glad when we can send out something definite to these people.

Meanwhile I have just received from Mrs. Klene of Colorado, a letter relative to the erection of a Synodical Society in Wyoming and the adjustment of the Colorado budget in view of Wyoming's withdrawal. Mrs. Klene says that in the Fall the Board of the Northwest sent Mrs. Silverthorn into Wyoming, but that she could not meet anyone except Mrs. Swan of Cheyenne. Mrs. Klene further says that

they are now communicating with you on the situation, sending to you, as to me, copies of the correspondence.

This seems to be a very practical case to illustrate our efforts towards co-operation. If we can give the same advice at this time, we will surely simplify matters for both Colorado and Wyoming, and any disagreement on our part will cause confusion.

Mrs. Klene further says that your Board "Reports Wyoming as having fifteen societies - Cheyenne five, Laramie four, Sheridan six. However, for the last two years there has only been one society in Cheyenne Presbytery, that is, Cheyenne itself.

Colorado Synodical seems to have budgeted these three Presbyteries for $265. for the Woman's Board of Home Missions and $115. for Freedmen for the year 1916-17. Of course, all this matter of the budget would have to be re-adjusted with both Colorado and Wyoming.

In the By-Laws of the Woman's Board we have an action that "no new synodical society shall be organized with less than fifteen (15) woman's auxiliary societies." This action was taken owing to some situations that had arisen in the South and has seemed to us a wise one, for the expense of holding synodical meetings for a lesser number of organizations than fifteen would seem to be insurmountable.

This letter from Colorado has just come to me at my home and I have not had an opportunity to consult the officers at New York as to details, but thought it best to take the matter up with you at once before you shall have written to either Colorado or Wyoming further in the matter. As Mrs. Silverthorn was West you probably are prepared to speak more fully in this matter than I am, and I shall be very glad to hear from you concerning it.

It was a very great delight to have you with us last week, and we all regret that you had to make your stay so short. I am hoping that you will have to come East again before long and that then we may hope for a more adequate visit from you. I hope the trip home was accompanied by no delays and that you found Mr. Berry and the work in good condition.

With love,

Faithfully yours,

637 Cass Street
Chicago Ill.

My dear Mrs. Bennett,

I encountered a
blizzard six hours from New
York Sunday night, and
was just two hours late
London. A little time in
London of course was
lovely, but I was
glad to get home
with my family in time
for Christmas. The
voyage the train time
and then broke the news
gently by fifteen minutes at
a time. However this welcome

may become imperative. This
does not seem to be a lucky
year for the Middle West. I was
told by Mrs. Cunningham from
Indianapolis on the train, that
Mrs. Montgomery had been made
President of the Federation and
Miss Hodge Vice President. That
Mrs. Williamson was kept out en
tirely, and Mrs. Dickie was
nominated for some office, but
Helen Calder was elected.
Please remember me with most
cordial greeting to your husband
and nephew and affectionately
to your niece. It is such a
joy to work with you, and with
all my heart, I appreciate your
kindness and thoughtfulness for
my comfort and pleasure.
Yours, with love,
January 18th Mildred Berry

had not cooled and it was very nice to be at home again. Yuto Bixte. Classe and Mr Tinchon have made this a busy day, but I cannot let it close without telling you again how very much I enjoyed being with you. It will always add to my pleasure in thinking of you to be able to see you in the home environment. If some of the women who need you and that your knowledge and influence would be, would know how much you are giving up when you leave us, they would appreciate more fully your devotion to the cause. What a lovely party we had! I can hear those laughing girls laughing now, and believe they will do better work for the recreation. But how are you going to manage without your charming wife? When she marries you and Mr. Bennett will have to take an apartment in New York City.

Well I think over the situation, I suppose we should be surprised if the New York Board should resent my letter, and feel that I am trying to influence it. My resignation as Chairman of Central Committee

January 24, 1916.

Mrs. A. L. Berry,

Room 48, 509 S. Wabasch Ave.,

Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Mrs. Berry:-

I do not know whether you have had any word from New York yet, but lest you are wondering what has happened as a result of the communication sent to Mrs. Watters I quote you from a letter written to me by one of the members of the New York Board: "Mrs. Watters presented the letter from Mrs. Berry in part last Wednesday and asked that the managers refer all the unsettled questions back to the executive with power. We proceeded to grant the request. Then it was moved that the managers be invited to sit with the executive next Wednesday when these extremely important matters were to come up. .....After brief discussion the motion carried."

I wonder if you know also that Mrs. Prentice has definitely resigned the Presidency. The Nominating Committee has been increased by the addition of Mrs. Stanley White, Mrs. Schell and one other whose name I do not know. All this makes the time a serious one for the New York Board.

I am sorry you had such a delay on your return trip. I really am getting quite distressed about the delay in pushing ahead the policies adopted in Chicago for the women are clamoring for information, but until

all of the Boards are finished I suppose we can do nothing and I try not to allow myself to be fretted by it.

With much love

Warmly yours,

MKB/MS.

"Salvation through Jesus Christ not only a treasure, but as well a trust."

THE WOMAN'S PRESBYTERIAN BOARD OF MISSIONS
OF THE NORTHWEST

Presbyterian Offices, Room 48, 509 S. Wabash Ave.

CHICAGO

January 24th, 1916.

My dear Mrs.Bennett;-

I am just in receipt of a letter from Mrs.Waters. She says the report on the General Committee was presented at the Managers' Meeting and"was recommitted for final action by the Executive so that we might not have to wait for Managers' Meeting another month. This is as far as I have gotten at present in the matter. While this means delay,-I cannot under the circumstances take any other course."

Mrs.Waters does not say when the next Executive Meeting will be,so I do not know how much delay this means,even if the Executive should take final action. What shall I do?

If we had needed a demonstration of the futility of trying to have cooperation without a Central body with power to act, we would certainly not need it any longer. It seems useless for me to tabulate the actions of the five Boards on other questions,and leave New York out,for it will mean doing the work over when it finally acts. Talk about perseverance of the saints,we need all that we can muster.

Mrs.Waters says of my letter,"I will do my best to use your letter in such a way as to change the attitude of our Committee". Later she says that she presented a part of my letter at the Managers'Meeting. She does not say what part, or why she did not present the whole letter.

Shall I tabulate the answers that I have from New York with the answers on those recommendations from the other Boards,omitting all mention of the General Committee,and send them to you? I am distressed about what the constituency will think of this delay. And yet to me,the General Committee is the vital point and the other things details.

I will,wait to hear from you.

With love, Faithfully yours,

Mildred Berry

The stamps for expressage on papers.

Copy.

New York City, Jan. 27th, 1916

My dear Mrs. Berry;-

At the close of yesterday's Manager's Meeting all the recommendations from the Chicago Conference had been acted on save some items in relation to General Committee. These must wait for further information from you.

1. Is it understood that the General Committee is to be a consulting ~~body~~- and deliberative body ?

2. Do not these adjectives properly describe a body which (Article lV) "shall consider and make recommendations." ?

3. In the definition of the power of the GEneral Committee nothing is said about its deciding for the Boards by a two-thirds vote matters which they have "considered" but on which they have apparently no general expression of opinion. A Article X (a) and in (c) the Committee has the determining power. We are already auxiliary to the Assembly's Board. Is it wise to complicate matters by constituting another superior body unless the interests of the constituent Boards are more carefully guarded ? If the two-thirds vote of the Committee represented equally the interests involved, would it not secure the desired prompt action ?

4; Can we safely decide on Annual Meetings of the General Committee before we know anything about the expense involved in the organization of the Committee, whether it will require a paid Sec. and Treasurer, and how these expenses are to be met.

We have as You will find when the action of our Board finally reaches you, made a number of changes in the interest of harmonizing our decisions with those of the other Boards and I hope that we may be able to agree with them on these special points about which I have written.

I would be very sorry not to have a result of the Joint Conference an agency to carry out the recommendations and to "consider and make recommendations to the Boards on matters of joint interest", but we must understand very definitely the proposed ~~plan~~ power and character of that agency. You will see that Article lV and Article X do not seem to be quite consistent.

Sincerely yours,

Alma O Waters.

Central Committee of the
Woman's Boards of Foreign Missions
of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.

January 29th, 1916.

My dear Mrs.Bennett;-

I am enclosing a letter received a little while ago from Mrs.Waters,a copy I mean,and a copy of the reply I am sending. Mrs.Waters'letter came special delivery,and I am sending my reply the same way.

I had not heard of the resignation of Mrs. Prentice until your letter came. Later in the day I met Miss Laughlin and she told me there are two considered for the office,Mrs.Waters and Mrs.Webb. I do not believe that Mrs. Waters will accept after her experiences of the last two m months.

Pardon this hasty note,but I want to catch the evening mail,so that you will get this before New York writes you.

With love, Faithfully yours,

Mildred Berry

Please return the copy of my letter to Mrs. Waters as I have no other!

Central Committee of the
Woman's Boards of Foreign Missions
of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.

February 1st, 1916

My dear Mrs.Bennett;-

Miss Adams,Cor.Sec.for the Michigan Synodical Society for Foreign Missions,writes as follows;-"When are we to have the results of the Chicago Conference? Mrs.Mitchell had a tremendous document at our joint conference yesterday from the Home Board containing all the rulings that had gone htrough the seven Boards,with interpretations and suggestions for use along Home Mission lines. It seems to me that all the Boards should send them out at one time."

I have written that if Mrs.Mitchell has the action of the seven Boards on all recommendations,she is the only person, as far as I know, who has. I am sure there is some mistake,but do not know just how to correct it until I hear from you.

I am enclosing a sample sheet of the tabulated report that I am preparing to send you as soon as New York is heard from finally. My understanding is that you will add the actions of your Board,and then all that have passed unanimously and apply to other matters than strictly Board questions,will be sent at the same time by the Home Board and the Territorial Foreign Board to the Synodical Presidents. This is only my rough copy which will be put into better shape when the final copy is made by an expert typist. I have done this to save time when the final word comes from New York.

Your letter of the 28th came this morning. What a perfectly lovely secret,and how glad I am for some reward for the work of the Conference. I will present the matter of Wyoming on Friday to our Board. Mrs.Silverthorn is not the one to carry on the negotiations,as you say she is too near,it is too personal and experience has shown that the women are not disposed to confer with her.

I am writing hurriedly,two Bible classes and a luncheon with Mrs.D.B.Wells to-day.

With love,Faithfully yours,

Mildred Berry

Ratified by all.

12. Recommend for Synodical and Presbyterial Socs. that Secs.for Children's work shall in -clude "Little Light Bearers" "Light Bearers" "Junior C.E." and all other organizations up to fourteen years of age outside of the Sunday School.
Recommend the appointment in each Synodical and Presbyterial Society of a Sec.or Secs.for the Young People's organizations,including the Young Woman's Societies and the Westminster Guild. Where but one organization is reported,the Sec. shall be known as the Sec.for Young People's Work. Where other Secretaries are necessary, they shall bear the name of the organization they represent.

Ratified by all, except New York. Note suggested change.

13. Recommend in accordamce with the deliverance of General Assembly on cultivation of the Sunday School as a responsibility of the General Boards of Home and Foreign Missions, all gifts from the Sunday Schools should go to the Treasurers of these Boards. Hence.if any Band is organized in the Sunday School and holds no meetings except as a Sunday School Class,it is auxiliary to the General Boards. When a Band is organized in the Sunday School composed of one class or the members from dif ferent classes,and holds meetings outside of t the Sunday School session,it is auxiliary to the Woman's Boards. The responsibility rests upon the Synodical and Presbyterial officers ~~General Assembly's policy in loyalty to the~~ to carry out this policy in loyalty to our General Assembly.
New York says, "When a Band is organized in the Sunday School composed either of members of a class or of members from different classes and holds regular Missionary meetings at which Missionary offerings are received,outside the Sunday School Session,it is auxiliary to the Woman's Boards. The responsibility for carry ing out this policy in loyalty to our General Assembly rests on the officers and members of the Woamn's Boards of Home and Foreign Missions."

Ratified by all, except New York. Note change.

14. Recommend that we have a uniform pledge blank for Young People's Societies,and that the Home and Foreign blanks be sent at the same time.
New York says,"That we have a pledge blank as nearly uniform as possible."

Amended by all Boards, except Northwest.

15. Recommend that our Field Student Secretaries do not engage in Evangelistic Campaigns.
Phila.,New York,Southwest,Occidental and North Pacific amend to read, "Except when the Joint Com. on Student Work is unanimously in favor of it." Northwest ratifies original recommendation.

Copy

Mrs. Berry &
Mrs. Waters

January 29, 1916.

My dear Mrs. Waters:

Your letter of the 27th just received, and I am replying at once.

My previous letter to you in reference to certain changes in the recommendation from the Joint Conferene in the plan of the General Committee, under consideration by your Board, expressed the opinions of Mrs. Bennett and myself, the two presiding officers of the Conference, and members of the special committee that drew up the recommendations for the General Committee. You are now asking for further interpretation of these recommendations, and I do not think that I have the right, nor do I wish the responsibility, of making these unless Mrs. Bennett's views are also presented to your Board.

In order to save time, and with the confident expectation that you will submit the same questions to the other presiding officer of the Conference, I am replying without delay.

1. I do not think that the words "consulting and deliberative" would properly define a body that has the power described in Articles IV and X. It is not my understanding that the proposed Committee was to be merely consulting and deliberative.

2. These adjectives would properly describe a body if Article IV were not followed by Article X. The functions and sphere of the Committee are described by the plan as a whole, and therefore any adjectives that did not describe the body as set forth in all of the Articles would be misleading.

3. The above will apply here also. Article IV is a general statement of Power and under Article X there is more specific definition. The two-thirds vote must always include two of the representatives of the Foreign Boards, supposing that the representatives of the Woman's Board of Home Missions should vote as a unit. As to the "interests involved", if you mean the Home and Foreign as distinct interests, I do not see how there could be a fairer division than the one proposed. Our relation to the Assembly's Board is the one established by the Church, and therefore no Committee that we might organize could supersede that.

4. The duties assigned to the Committee were such that they could not be carried out unless an annual meeting was

Mrs. Waters.

held. As to expenses of Committee, how they are to be met, I have no information.

Faithfully yours,

February 2, 1916.

Mrs. A. L. Berry,
Rm 48 - 509 S. Wabash Ave.,
Chicago, Ills.

My dear Mrs. Berry:

I am returning your letter to Mrs. Waters. It may interest you to know that she has not communicated with me at all in regard to this matter. I have, therefore, of course not offered any opinion in the matter.

I do not believe that in the haste of many other matters I ever answered your question as to what you would better do about tabulating the answers that have been received. It seems to me that until this matter of the general committee has been settled we would better not send anything out, and I really would rather have everything in hand at once. If there is difficulty about the acceptance of this by New York, I am puzzling my brains as to what the next step shall be.

I tried for a moment to speak to Mrs. Webb yesterday, but was not able to find the time before she left.

We are of course most anxious about the matter of the new President for the Foreign Board. We would not like to have them take so valuable a woman from us as the one who has been mentioned, but of course could not offer any objections if she might be so valuable to them.

I wish you and I might be able to get together again on this whole question of the Minutes after you have word from New York, but I suppose that is not going to be possible.

With much love,

Faithfully yours,

B/D
Enclosure.

Central Committee of the
Woman's Boards of Foreign Missions
of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.

February 3rd, 1916.

Mrs. F. S. Bennett,
156 Fifth Ave., New York City,

My dear Mrs. Bennett;

The committee appointed by the New York Board to report on the recommendations from the Chicago Conference with regard to the General Committee asked me to write to Mrs. Berry for information on certain points before concluding its work. In reply to my letter, Mrs. Berry says "You are now asking me for further interpretation of these recommendations, and I do not think I have the right, nor do I wish the responsibility, of making these unless Mrs. Bennett's views are presented to your Board." I am therefore writing to you also for further interpretation of these same recommendations. The difficulty is this,- the committee finds it difficult to reconcile the power given to the General Committee in Article X (a) and (c) of the plan of organization with Article IV of that plan, or with the recommendation of the Chicago Conference as expressed in its minutes (Friday Nov. 12th and Monday Nov. 15th.).

In writing to Mrs. Berry, I asked these questions, (1) Is it understood that the General Committee is to be a consulting and deliberative body? (2) Do these adjectives properly describe a body which, according to Article IV, "shall consider and make recommendations to the constituent Boards concerning matters of joint interest? (3) In defining the power of the General Committee nothing is said about its deciding for the Boards by a two-thirds vote as per Article X (a) & (c). Should this power be given, would the interests of both Boards, Home and Foreign, be better served by a two-thirds vote representing them equally? (4) Is it wise to decide on annual meetings of the General Committee before we have some suggestion as to how the expenses thereof are to be met and what they are to include: for example, shall there be a paid Secretary and Treasurer, involving incidental expenses?

The Committee of the New York Board, of which Miss H. W. Hubbard is Chairman, will very much appreciate any suggestions or information concerning these questions.

Very sincerely yours,

(Mrs. H. E.) Alma O. Hadley,

Central Committee Member, New York Board.

February 8, 1916.

Mrs. A. L. Berry,
637 Cass Street,
Chicago, Ills.

My dear Mrs. Berry:

I am enclosing to you a copy of a letter which I have just sent to Mrs. Waters. You will note she allowed some time to elapse before writing me. I do trust that by tomorrow they will be able to give us a definite answer in this matter, for really the whole thing is being pushed along so far that it is mostodiscouraging. I have of course nothing further to report from Michigan as yet.

I am in receipt of your letter of the fifth relative to the separation of Wyoming from Colorado and I wish I could convey to you some appreciation of the spirit of the officers of my own Board when I read them the proposition of the Board of Missions of the Northwest that they join with us in sharing the expenses of Miss Upham while she does organization work in Wyoming. I am sure I need not say that it is not the money that delights us but the fact that we can cooperate in the work.

A letter from Mrs. Klene came yesterday and I enclose to you extracts therefrom in order that you may feel that you have the warrant for planning the work there. We are sending to Colorado new apportionments that will cover their presbyterials only, as Wyoming is not yet organized synodically. We shall send the apportionments at once to the three presbyterial presidents telling them that they must come to them directly only until such time as the territory is organized synodically. It is our thought not to push them too much toward this particular thing, for they are so short of women that it might be they would become discouraged too early if they felt they must provide for another annual meeting.

We are writing these presidents that Miss Upham will come to them for all their presbyterials in April and will stay in their territory for some weeks to help them. We are also telling them that Miss Upham will represent the Board of the Northwest in organization work as well as our own Board. So soon as her itinerary is planned it will be submitted to you.

I hope you are not being worked beyond the limit of your strength but there certainly does seem a very great deal to do at this time.

Believe me that I am, with love

Faithfully yours,

B/D

2 inclosures.

February 8, 1916.

Mrs. W. E. Waters,
175 Claremont Ave.,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mrs. Waters:

Your letter of February third is at hand. I am very glad to try and explain our point of view on the Articles defining the power given to the General Committee. Let me preface any statement that I may make by saying that it does not seem to me we can scrutinize too carefully the wording of the actions taken at Chicago. This of course should not be the fact, but we have always to remember the stress under which we all labored and the consequent difficulty in formulating actions with ~~the~~ exactitude that was desirable. We have to consider the spirit as well as the exact wording. Therefore if there are seeming discrepancies in Articles we must interpret by the apparent desire of the group.

However, it seems to me that Article IV and Article X are not so contradictory as you have thought them to be, for at the close of Article IV is the phrase, "The General Committee shall also have power to act in emergencies." If you will turn to Article X I think you will note we are not so contradictory as might be, for Article X (B) would probably only be such matters as needed attention with such promptness that they could not go back to the constituent Boards and be returned to another meeting of the General Committee.

To answer your four questions specifically:

I. It is my understanding that the General Committee is much more than a consulting and deliberative body. Those words were not used in the Articles forming this body and it seems to me a mistake to insert them.

II. I have answered under I and would simply reiterate by saying that these adjectives do not properly descrive the body mentioned in Article IV if Article IV is retained in full.

III. I do not feel that it really makes much difference whether the two-thirds vote must represent Home and Foreign Missions <u>equally</u> for the only matters that would be referred are matters of organization and our interests are as one in that respect. Any-

thing that could be passed only by a two-thirds vote would hardly be desirable.

IV. If the General Committee is to be a body that shall be a clearing-house in matters of joint interest it will have to meet annually and, personally, I feel that it would be a great mistake not to have it so meet and take our chances in the expenses that may be attendant upon it. It could be dissolved later if it was not found to be a body that was of value.

Trusting that your Committee is going to be able to dispose of these matters tomorrow, believe me that I am,

Very sincerely yours,

B/D

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Central Committee of the
Woman's Boards of Foreign Missions
of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.
637 Cass Street

February 15th, 1916.

My dear Mrs.Bennett;-

At last the worm has turned,and the immediate occasion is the following postscript to a letter from Mrs. Waters received yesterday;- "I have sent Mrs.Bennett's letter to our Committee on General Committee. I hope as much as you do that we may now complete our action on the recommendations as to General Committee. You see we take things very seriously." I am enclosing a copy of a letter that was mailed to Mrs.Waters yesterday,and I shall follow to the letter the course outlined. I would have had the copies made to-day, but on Tuesdays the two Bible Classes take all of my time, I have engaged a stenographer for to-morrow and hope to have the six sets of answers ready to mail to your in the evening. I will keep the set for our Board and you can send me the actions of your Board to add to it. I am sending all of these to you to save time,asking that when you have added the actions of your Board you will mail to the following persons,-

Mrs. A.R.Perkins, 302 West Upal Street, Germantown

Mrs.W.E.Waters, 126 Claremont Avenue, New York City

Mrs. W. H. Bissland, 6002 Maple Avenue, St.Louis,Mo.

Mrs. H. B. Pinney, 2830 Buchannan St. San Francisco,Cal.

Mrs. J. W. Goss, 324 East 21st - North, Portland, Ore.

I have written to all of the Foreign Boards asking what shall be done with questions not approved by all Boards,and will let you know the result.

Faithfully yours,

(Mrs.A.E.) Mildred Berry

February 14th, 1916.

My dear Mrs.Waters;-

I have received the information from Mrs.Wood in regard to the missionaries and the budget of each Board for the West India Mission. As a Central Committee question,it will have to continue to go the rounds until all of the six Boards have agreed,so that it is probable the temporary committee will have finished its work before we are ready to report. As seon as all the Boards are heard from,I will tabulate the answers and send to you.

The pressure is so great from some of the Boards and Synodical officers for results from the Joint Conference that I will have copies made of all answers received from the six Boards,except those referring to the General Committee,and send to Mrs.Bennett,asking her to add the actions of the Woman's Board of Home Missions. A copy will be sent to each Woman's Board,and the Board of the Northwest will at once communicate the actions that refer to their work to the Synodical officers in our territory that,if possible they may put them into shape for the Spring Meetings of the Presbyterial Societies. When your Board has taken final action on the questions,or ratherrecommendations,concerning the General Committee,they can be sent to the Boards. I understand that the actions sent me from your Board on all other questions were ready to be submitted to the Boards.

Faithfully yours,

Chairman Central Committee.

February 13, 1916.

Mrs. A. L. Berry,
637 Cass St.,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mrs. Berry:-

I do not wonder that your patience is exhausted. The New York Board is very careful about mentioning the matter of the Chicago Conference, but from what I do learn I judge that Miss Hubbard stands alone in holding up the question of the General Committee. The women of the Board, recognizing her years of service, apparently hesitate to oppose her. How much she is influenced by the General Board I cannot, of course, say. It may be that there are others than Miss Hubbard who opposes the plan for the General Committee, but the above is the impression that I have gained.

Just as soon as I receive from you the six sets of answers I will add the actions of our Board and mail as directed in your letter of the 15th.

I suppose that in order that there may be no misunderstanding we should send a joint letter with these answers, something along the line of the copy which I enclose, simply as a draft of the things in my mind.

Of course I will not mark any of the actions until I hear that you you think that this system is necessary. My own experience is that when these get into the hands of many people, some use them with much carelessness.

I note that the Minutes are to go to the Central Committee member and not to the President of each Board.

I hear nothing further as to the President for the New York Board, and would assume that either there has been no one asked as yet, or that she is having it under consideration. Of course we are very peculiarly interested, lest a member of our Board should be the choice.

I saw Dr. Stone for a little while on Tuesday. He seems to have been much impressed with our November Conference and most enthusiasticly spoke of it to the men of the Budget Committee of the Executive Commission. He also said you were well, but working very hard, and that your Bible Classes were wonderful.

I realize that I am jumping from one thing to another, but to come back to the original topic, I want to ask if it is your thought that we should have a meeting of the General Committee this coming June? In view of the fact that there were questions sent down from Chicago that were not approved by all the Boards, I would think a meeting desirable, in order that these might be disposed of as expeditiously as possible.

I am trying to get away for a couple of weeks, for I am very tired and the Spring promises to be a strenuous one, but will try to hold on until all the Minutes are checked up and sent on to the Boards.

With much love,

Central Committee of the
Woman's Boards of Foreign Missions
of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.

February 23rd, 1916.

Mrs. Fred S. Bennett,
149 Dwight Place,
Englewood, N. J.

Dear Mrs. Bennett:

Before this I hope that you have received both consignments of the actions of the Foreign Boards on the Recommendations from the Joint Conference. I have received the draft of the letter that you propose to send out with these actions. I think it very necessary to have a system of marking, otherwise great confusion will follow. The system that you propose seems to me clear and satisfactory. There will be people who will get it wrong, but no system could be so perfectly made that someone could not find a way to misunderstand it. Since I approve the letter accompanying the report, can you not sign my name without the delay of sending the copies to me?

You spoke of the Minutes being sent to Central Committee member rather than to the President of each Board. You will notice that with the exception of New York and North Pacific, the Presidents and the Central Committee member are the same. For Philadelphia I gave Mrs. Perkins' name because Miss Hodge has gone to Panama and asked that this correspondence be sent to Mrs. Perkins, in her absence.

I earnestly hope that this matter will soon be off your hands and you can get away for a little playtime.

With love,
Faithfully yours,
Mildred Berry

MK

Feb. 25, 1916.

Dear Mrs. Berry:-

When you discover the contents of this envelope you will be disgusted I know. But when I had checked these all up I found that it became necessary for us to designate just the things we thought could become effective. I could not speak for you of course, so have hastily written out what I think should be said to the Boards. I am also sending the only set of Minutes that I have checked as I do not want to mark the others until I have heard from you. This is the copy for my Board so shall have to ask you to return it. Will you go over the Minutes and the letter and designate the things of which you do not approve please? Then as soon as I have the Minutes back I will get them in shape and send with the letter corrected as you may wish ro the Boards.

As to the General Committee this seemed the next step. What do you think? And what shall we do with New York?

With ypur ap proval I will sign the letters for you so as not to send again to Chicago.

I am trying to get this off in a hurry and have no stenographer at home so it is not well done.

Lovingly yours,

As I did not send you any copy of Minutes I have checked mine to correspond with yours which I am returning.

Central Committee of the
Woman's Boards of Foreign Missions
of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.

Feb. 27-

Dear Mrs. Bennett, -

A severe cold sent me home from Church after my Bible Class, and I have taken the time for careful consideration of your checking and comments, & conclusions concerning the actions of the Boards. On page 3 of your paper I have suggested a slight change. Otherwise they all have my hearty approval. I wrote to all Foreign Boards asking what should be done in cases of disagreement, but the replies were not illuminating. New York, Southwest and North Pacific thought one negative should defeat a recommendation. Northwest and Occidental that the majority should decide. Phila. has a different thought

I quote, "I realize that technically the Com. of the Gov. Conf. has gone out of existence, but it seems to me we must do one of two things; either recommit to it the rules for the general Com. perhaps naming the original women who were on the Com. and asking them to attend to the work, or else we must let the whole matter fall and try to do our best with a conference with the Home Board at the time of Central Com. meeting."
Your suggestion of a meeting of the General Com. in June 1916, gives time for the New York Board to vote that we shall not come to New York. This will probably be done as that Board seems to think we of the West are planning this to have the opportunity of coming East.
You have my cordial signature to the enclosed communication and I think it is excellent.
Lovingly Mildred Berry

March 2, 1916.

Mrs. A. L. Berry,
637 Cass St.,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mrs. Berry:

I have just found out what it was that Mrs. Mitchell read at the meeting from which Miss Adams reported, that caused confusion. A letter that had been sent out from New York stated:

Report Blanks — The decision of the Chicago conference regarding report blanks - the form of which had been agreed on by all of the Foreign Boards, and so did not need to be referred again to them - was promptly confirmed by our Board. The blanks are in the printer's hands, almost ready to be sent out. I will write you regarding them in detail in a separate letter.

The Standards of Excellence approved at Chicago for local, presbyterial and synodical societies, cannot be included as a basis for the reports of this fiscal year, because they have not been sent out to the societies which therefore could not be working to attain them as they can another year.

Basis of Membership — The Chicago conference approved the basis of membership in the same terms on which our Board had agreed regarding it last summer. As these terms determine the basis on which the membership is to be reported, it is herewith given in full:

"Two forms of membership shall be recognized in local societies, General and Contributing: -

"The General Membership shall be established on any standard agreeable to the local organization.

"The Contributing Membership shall include all who regularly contribute to the Woman's Board of Home Missions or the Territorial Woman's Board of Foreign Missions through the local organization.

"On the Contributing Membership shall be based statistics, apportionments, or pledges."

We thought that report blanks had been agreed upon, as we had to have them for this year, and basis of membership was a matter on which our Board had already acted last May and had already put it into effect. I am sorry, however, that this was mentioned in the letter sent, as the basis of membership has not been accepted by the Foreign Boards, owing to New York's change.

The Minutes are being gotten ready to-day and the accompanying letter also, so that I trust they will all get out tomorrow. There seems to be limitations of time in trying to dispose of matters.

Faithfully yours,

March 4, 1916.

This letter accompanies a report of the actions of the seven Woman's Boards on the matters sent down from the Conference held in Chicago, November 1915. You will recall that actions taken there were in the form of recommendations to the Boards and could become of effect only after unanimous action by the Boards. You will further recall that the two Chairmen of the Conference were made a Committee to receive the actions of the Boards and to codify such.

When the reports came back to the Committee they found themselves embarrassed as to the proper proceedure. Where one or more Boards voted in the negative on any recommendation the course was simple, as such action nullified the recommendation. When, however, there was a change of phraseology proposed by one Board, or an amendment made that did not destroy the motion, or when the thought, rather than the exact phraseology, should be conveyed to the constituency, there seemed a question whether such actions should not be considered as having been ratified. This has been the position taken by the Committee onsome matters and this is so noted in the accompanying Minutes.

In order that there may be no misunderstanding the Committee has adopted the following system of checking up:

First- Note that the original Minutes were prepared concerning the six Woman's Boards of Foreign Missions. The actions of the Woman's Home Board have been added in the left margin in red that they may be easily differentiated from those of the Foreign Boards. This simply for quick reference.

In the right margin there will be found checks, as follows:-

1. Blue V B means - Passed. Concerns Boards only.
2. " V S " " " organization and should be sent out in instructions.
3. " V and Red V both means - Passed with slight changes. Committee rules they can become operative unless immediate objection from some Board.
4. Red V means- Failed to Pass.

The Committee offers a few explanations of the enclosed Minutes as follows:

Page I. 6- Committee felt that as this is only a recommendation to the organization and is in line with method approved in all Synodical and Presbyterial Societies, it should be considered as of effect.

#10 Clearly lost by vote of North West Board.

#11 Insertion seems to strengthen intention of motion so Committee considers as accepted.

Page 2- #13- Change in placing responsibility is vital and Committee considers this nullifies action.

#14- Merely change in conformity with other actions recorded elsewhere.

#15- Lost

Page 3. As this must be sent out exactly as worded, there must be absolute agreement before becoming of effect.

Page 5- Change in number of classes necessary nullifies this as there must be a definite standard.

Page 6- #5 Seems to result in same line of effort, therefore approved by Committee.

#6 However, suggests different instructions to be sent out and unless agreement is more definite further conference on this is needed.

Page 7- #1 some changes were agreed upon and this seems in line therewith. #2 Fails to pass as action destroyed by New York.
#3 " " " as Woman's Board of H.M. voted against.

#7 Seems no reason why, as this is not vital, other Boards should not have joint programs. Committee so decides.

Page 8- #12 To become a matter for Conference among Boards.
Page 9- #3 New York not voting must be considered in the affirmative.
#6 Ditto above.
Page 11-#1 Change in wording- becomes of effect.
#2 Lost
#3 Lost- As W.B.H.M. is already using this basis having passed it last May there is an embarrassment here. Must be held as not being an agreed upon basis.

#4. As there are still two books of prayer assume all agree to change as suggested in No. 6 and will send out Standard so changed. Also in No. 4 the Change of "Presbytery" to "Presbyterial Society". Therefore consider this as of effect.

Page 12. Both Standards lost and must wait further discussion.

Page 13. #8 Feel that there never could be a time when anything that would interfere with loyalty to the Board of Foreign Missions could be asked, and as all other Foreign Boards are willing

this stands.

Page 14- #11. If the understanding of the Foreign Boards is the same as that of the Home Board this stands.

Pages 15-16-17. The changes here indicated would seem to show that there must be further conference before the proposed body can be secured in line with the wish of the majority. It is suggested that #2 be considered as authority for the appointment of delegates for a meeting of the General Committee in June, 1916, and that the Boards make such appointments, those not having Annual Meetings before that date making appointments at a regular meeting. It is further suggested that the time as indicated in #8 be taken. The body then gathered can proceed with the organization of the General Committee.

The Committee holds itself in readiness to give further explanations as may be desired of these Minutes.

Very sincerely yours,

Committee.

March 14, 1916.

Mrs. W. H. Bissland,
Room 707, 816 Olive Street,
St. Louis, Mo.

My dear Mrs. Bissland:

Your telegram of March tenth is at hand. I hope I am answering correctly, but I am just a little uncertain as to where the punctuation marks come in the telegram.

First as to the Freedmen's work: I do not just know why when Mrs. Berry made up the form that was sent, which she did let me say as the representative of the six Foreign Boards, she omitted the reference to Freedmen's work, and as I supposed that this was considered a purely Home Board matter, I let it go. This perhaps was not the wisest thing to do and it may be that we should place an adenda at the end of the Minutes relative to it. Is this your thought?

As to your second question, as to the ruling why when Philadelphia did not vote the recommendation was lost, and where New York does not vote the motion is carried.

On page 9 of the Minutes, Section 3, where New York did not reply we understood that this was not to be taken as a negative vote but simply that they had overlooked the matter in dealing with so many situations, and therefore we ruled that it would be better to consider this carried unless further objections were made.

In Section 6 on the same page this matter was not a hard and fast rule and therefore it seemed possible that it might be allowed to stand unless there were some definite objections raised. It was only a recommendation which had different status, as we understood it, from an actual agreement to do a certain thing. These I think are the only definite cases where some Board did not send any vote.

At the bottom of page 7, Philadelphia did not vote but the Woman's Board of Home Missions voted "no" so that the motion was lost quite irrespective of the vote of Philadelphia.

I trust these explanations are quite satisfactory. The Committee had to be guided a little bit by its subsidiary information as well as by the definite actions that came in.

On page 13, number 8, this was supposed to

refer to plans that not only would definitely come under the heading of "joint" but also to plans that going to joint societies might cause confusion. Is my differentiation quite clear?

I wonder if you know how very ill Mrs. Berry is. I understand that she is suffering from a very severe attack of pneumonia and I am most distressed concerning her.

Believe me that I am, with very cordial good wishes,

Faithfully yours,

B/D

I know I can rely on your discretion as to the foregoing.

Yours sincerely,

March 21, 1916.

Mrs. Noble C. King,
426 Lake Street,
Oak Park, Ills.

My dear Mrs. King:

Our letters seemed to have been crossing each other between New York and Chicago, but I was relieved to have your postal saying that the letter prepared by Mrs. Berry and myself had reached you.

It is my understanding that all the matters agreed upon by the seven Boards are so noted in the final paper. That referring to synodical work can be sent at once down the line. If there are any objections it seems to me we should have heard at once, and the only message I have received is from the Southwest Board which asked one or two questions that were easily answered. Of course it is possible that communications have gone from the Foreign Boards to Mrs. Berry, but as to that you will probably know. If such do come I trust that you will let me have them directly in order that our Board may not fail by sending out anything that should be temporarily held up. I may say that we have taken this position in the matter because there were so few cases and those were veryunimportant where Mrs. Berry and I used any discriminating power. In most cases it was a clear vote - "yes" or "no", and therefore we can consider that all these matters have been duly passed by everybody concerned.

I have not heard for a few days as to Mrs. Berry's condition, but I am assuming that "no news is good news" and that she is better. It has been an anxious time and we have thought much of you all.

Believe me that I am,

Very faithfully yours,

B/D

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March 24/16.

Mrs. J. S. Dunnett
156 Fifth Ave.
New York.

My dear Mrs. Dunnett,

Your kind-favor of March 14 came duly to hand for which please accept thanks.

Am sure you understand our position in regard to the Freedmen's work - in that while we favor it to be a Home Mission cause, we do not wish it to be denied the "help of accord" by our Jewish brethren.

Thank you for the explanation of the recommendations on page 9 of the minutes.

The Board of the Southern Assembly does not to address to its original position in

regard to the recommendation #8 on page 18 considering this as closing the Jewish work only.

I trust the year has been in every way a great success to you in your work. And cordially hope the new year will be a most blessed one to the workers on the Ivory Coast.

Most Cordially Yours

(Mrs. W. H.) Irene C. Buckland.